

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA**  
Public Meeting Room B  
Delta Township Administration Building  
7710 West Saginaw Highway  
Lansing MI 48917

**TOWNSHIP BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2012**

**I. CALL TO ORDER –**

Supervisor Fletcher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL –**

Members Present: Supervisor Kenneth Fletcher, Treasurer Howard Pizzo, Clerk Mary Clark, and Trustees Jeff Hicks, Jan Cunningham, Cara Dobie and Barb Poma

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Manger Richard Watkins, Assistant to the Manager Jen Roberts, Finance Director Jeff Anderson, and Utility Director Tom Morrissey

**III. SET/ADJUST AGENDA –**

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM MOVED THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. TRUSTEE POMA SUPPORTED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.**

**V. COMMUNICATONS – None.**

**VI. PRESENTATIONS – None.**

**VII. MANAGER'S REPORT –**

The Glen Terra connection to the new trail is in the process of being completed. Those should be completed this week giving access to Glen Terra residents via sidewalk to the trail.

There have been numerous water main breaks on Webster Road. The pipe being removed has been in poor condition and replacement will be added to next

year's project to have it replaced. Additionally there has been a sewer issue on Willow and as a result, new sewer pipe that was put in during the Willow reconstruction for future use will likely be put into use in the immediate future to prevent further issues in this area.

Delta Township was named a four-star community for fostering growth and economic development along with East Lansing. Meridian Township and Lansing did receive five stars.

The Buffalo Wild Wing ribbon cutting is tomorrow at 11a.m.

The EATRAN millage passed last week. Manager Watkins is working with the EATRAN board to provide additional and improved public transportation services to Delta Township. Trustee Poma would like to see emphasis placed on services being added to the GM suppliers to assist employees getting to and from work as well as LLC-West Campus.

**VIII. DEPARTMENT REPORT – None.**

**IX. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION –**

**1. 2013 Employee Health Insurance Discussion, Jeff Anderson & Committee**

Jeff Anderson introduced the Health Insurance Committee members to the Board – Linda Wells, Jason Sarata, Andrea Robach, Heather Bouck, Rick Kane, Walt Kulasa and Mike Roman.

The Committee began with the following goals: (1) to maintain quality healthcare coverage, (2) stay consistent with the existing plan, (3) to be within the Township Budget, and (4) to avoid any additional expenses to the employees.

Jeff Anderson recapped the Committee's work with Tim Durso and briefed the Board on how the Committee reached the recommendation. The Committee reviewed quotes from Blue Cross, Blue Care Network, Physicians Health Plan and McLaren. After consideration and comparison the Committee concluded the PHP was best and proposed the Board opt out of the Hard Cap set by the State.

Manager Watkins clarified that even if a penalty was imposed by the State of Michigan for opting out of the Hard Cap, the penalty would be zero as the Township does not receive any financial benefit under this regulation.

This matter has to be completed at the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow for open enrollment to be concluded and the new plan to take place beginning January 1, 2013. The Board is supportive of the Committee's recommendation.

## **2. Test Well Agreement with U.S. Geological Survey**

Tom Morrissey spoke to the Board regarding a Well Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey. The Township has two non-producing wells, #7 and #8. Well #7 has been nonproducing for approximately 12 years. The State of Michigan recommended that the Township cap Well #7 due to its poor production level. In exploring potential grant funding to pay for the cap process of approximately \$7,000-\$8,000 the U.S. Geological Survey contacted the Township about using the well. The U.S. Geological Survey currently has access to a private well on Theo Street in which they monitor aquifer levels, etc. and the relationship with the private well owner is inconvenient.

In providing access of Well #7 to the U.S. Geological Survey, there would be no expenses to the Township. The Agreement is to protect the U.S. Geological Survey before they invest in the Well for their needs which will provide long term access. The Township will save the capping costs.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

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MARY R. CLARK, CLERK

KENNETH FLETCHER, SUPERVISOR